

Supplemental Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The following changes to the specification have been made:

- 1) Page 12; delete the two graphs.
- 2) Page 12; delete the fourth paragraph on that page (beginning with "Figure 1") in its entirety.
- 3) Page 13; delete the heading "Experimental scheme".
- 4) Page 13; delete the graph on that page.
- 5) Page 14; delete all drawings and graphs on that page.
- 6) Page 13, immediately above the line reading "Fig. 2: The experimental scheme" there has been inserted the heading:

--- Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1. *Assessment of cerebral flow characteristics.* Values for rate and attenuation are present in this graph. Medians (filled circles) and 95% confidence intervals (bars) are given for healthy controls, and patients at baseline (untreated), after iloprost inhalation, and subsequent to oral sildenafil intake. Statistical differences were assessed by ANOVA (p-values indicate significant differences between groups).

Fisher's post hoc test was calculated at a significance level of $p < 0.05$;

† indicates significant differences in comparison to healthy controls, and

‡ indicates differences from sildenafil group. ---

7) The following Figures have been added, each on a separate sheet:

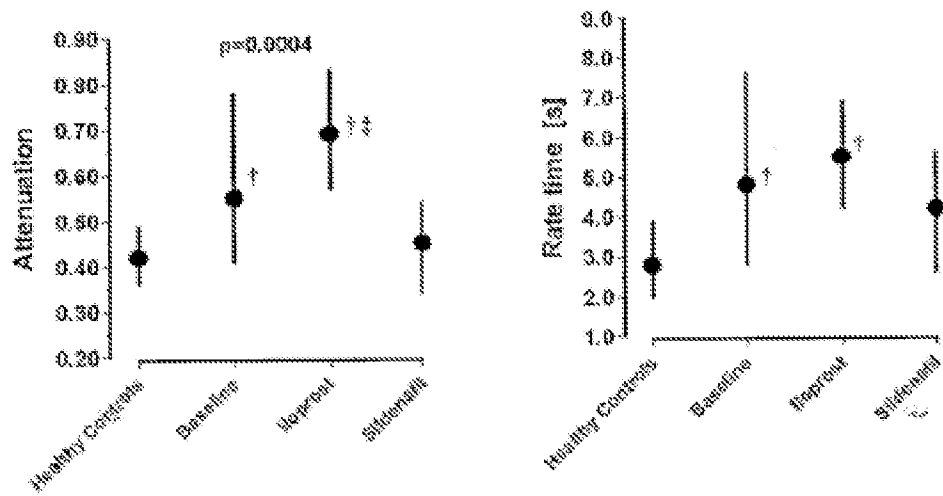


Figure 1

Experimental scheme

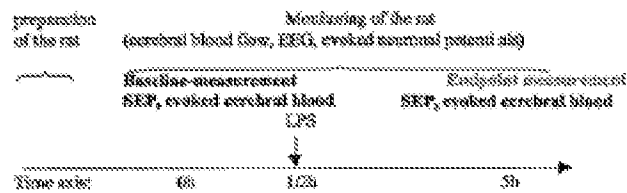


Figure 2

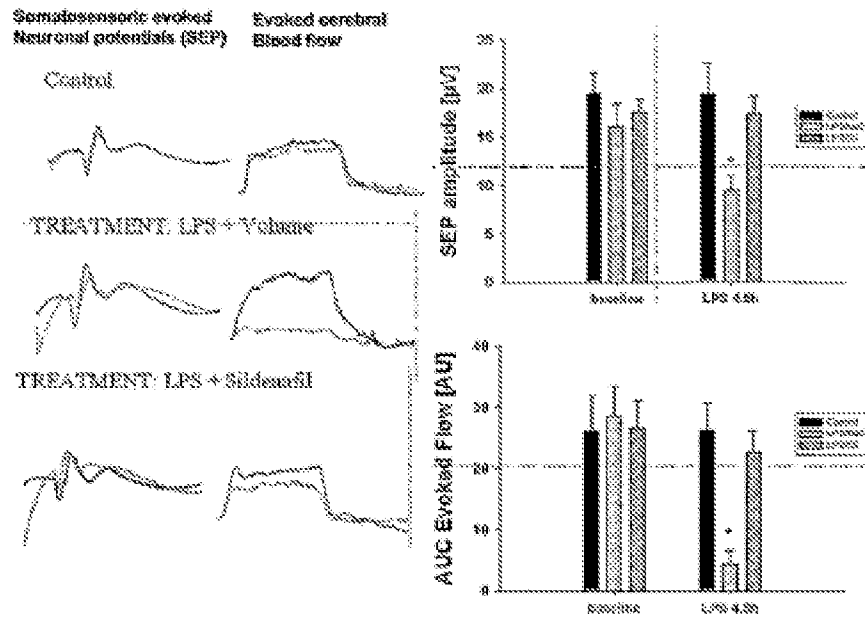


Figure 3

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